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ting up of his new refinery buildings at Philadelphia. This sugar-refining I've got the money now to put this plant, which, it is expected, will through, and will see that it goes, make lively times for the sugar trust, Beet sugar making has been tried will cost Mr. Spreckels about \$3,000, here before, but the people didn't

"I'll then have the biggest refinery ago some \$600,000 was lost. Away in the United States," said the great | back in 1866 I studied up this plan, sugar-maker yesterday, in speaking but I did not have the money then of the matter to a reporter, "and I can do what I please with the trust. Now I know sugar can be made here Me join the trust? Not much—there from beets. I was sure of it before. is not money enough in this country | I spent \$450,000 in getting the mato make me do it; I'm my own trust. chinery for the Watsonville factory. I have worked my way up. I know there last season, and could have WILL DO WELL TO IN- alone, but I must be able to do just alone, but I must be able to do just "This coming season we expect to what I want to. I never yet have turn out fully 4,000 tons at the Wat-

have it all my own way. Trust. The Trust now makes me Pianos and Musical Instruments. bought then all the raw sugar I my head."

could get. Now I've got more raw sugar than the Trust. WHY HE WENT TO PHILADELPHIA.

asked for them. "I feel confident that the tariff will not be taken off sugar—not for some time, at least. If it is taken about \$600,000 each. A portion of submitted their report. It embodies off they will give us a bounty of a the machinery that cannot be had cent a pound on all domestic sugar here we will get from Germany, but 2000-ton cruisers, two of 3000 tons, produced. In time they can take most of the machinery will be made one of 5300 tons, one of 7500 tons the duty off entirely and we won't here. Each factory will be able to and a gun boat of 800 tons displacecare, but for a while an industrylike turn out 800 tons of raw sugar in our young beet-sugar project needs twenty-four hours, and in time will to be protected and taken care of make fully 10,000 tons for the season. like a young baby.

the Congressional Committee. "'As clean as a whistle,' was my

that not only would the Trust be broken up, but all the young refin-GARDNER K. WILDER, we can keep \$80,000,000 that would The rule there is eighteen pounds of be paid to foreign countries for

We do not want our workingmen reduced so they have to live as do some of the laborers of Europe. I want my beet-sugar industry protected my beet-sugar industry protected as proving as per cent. dividend.

The question, "What is the future of the sugar beet in America?" elicited the following response:

"My own idea is that in a few and nursed until, like a growing "My own idea is that in a few TEN - PAGE EDITION. child, in time it will be able to stand years we will import no sugar. Not alone can in a few years produce tion in California, but it can as easienough sugar to supply half the de-mand of the United States, and Cali-Saturday last the few remaining fornia, Oregon and Washington to- shares of a \$5,000,000 stock company, gether can produce enough to supply of which I own the majority, were the entire country. Then we will be subscribed in San Francisco. The independent in this as in many other new company's facilities will be things. We do not need to ask any- amply able to supply all America thing of any country. We can raise with beet sugar. After this first and manufacture everything we year's trial we shall go at the busineed, and then we keep all our money | ness on a larger scale. Ten new facright in our country."

BEET-SUGAR MAKING. Of all his projects Mr. Spreckels takes most pride in the plan for beetsugar making on this coast. "This is not for the money that is in it for me, but it is to develop a new industry and show the grangers what they Claus Spreckels left for the East can just as well do as not. Some in April to direct in person the fit- of the land around Watsonville last year paid the farmers who raised know how to manage it. In the Sacramento scheme several years to put in and take any chances-I did not care to risk about \$350,000. We made 1,600 tons of new sugar

gone into anything unless I could sonville factory. That was not really an experiment, as some think, for I was sure before I went in of its suc-"I have the finest location in the cess. People were doubtful and world," he continued with an enthusiasm which mention of the Trust Western Beet Sugar Company, we served only to increase. "There, on call it—is all taken, and to-day we the Delaware, I have a site that I pay a dividend of 5 per cent. When get a million and a half for it to-day.

Ships can come right up to my wharves with raw sugar from Cuba wharves with raw sugar from Cuba | there two months, working right in | have been sent from the isthmus. A and then I can take care of the others when we start other factories.

"I studied up the process carethink of a chicken-raiser who has fully; and when I was in factories lots of chickens, but most of them abroad I stole the ideas and methods. roosters, while another dealer has I stole with my eyes, and when I nothing but hens which yield him a came back here I knew how. I told supply of eggs all the time. The them when I was going into a fac-Trust has to take care of twenty-one | tory, 'If you don't want me to steal refineries, but only seven are run- anything you'll have to blindfold Importers. Manufacturers, Upholsterers. is getting all the eggs. The Trust a process is done. I never have to worked the market a while ago, so make a drawing or a sketch of anythat raw sugar went way down. I thing like that-the drawing is in

THE NEW FACTORIES.

"We are going to put up ten fac-tories in California like that in Wat-"I'll tell you why I went to Phila- sonville, only double the capacity, as delphia to build my refinery. It was soon as we can. We have formed a to get where I could do as I pleased | company—the Occidental Beet-sugar with these other refineries. Freight Company—with \$5,000,000 capital rates were against me here, and I stock. My son John and I have was like a rat in a hole against them | taken half the stock. Last season I when all my business was here. gave out seed all over California and Now I will use my California refarmers sent me samples of their finery to supply all local trade and beets. I had these all tested, and points this side of the Missouri | the result is that I have now a map River. From Philadelphia I can which shows me exactly where the send sugar to Chicago, St. Louis and | beets that yield the most saccharine New Orleans and cut under all the matter grows the best. To pay, beets Trust prices. I could have all the should average about 14 per cent. capital I want there to help me, but saccharine matter. Some of those I do not want it. People know now about Watsonville last year ran as that Spreckels will do what he says. high as 24 per cent. We expect to Just before leaving Philadelphia last get offers of land from different I dined with Wanamaker. He want- points on which to build our factored me to let him in on the refinery, ies. We have not yet decided on and proves that the President and and said he knew I could have all any locations, but will take the mat- his Cabinet are in earnest in the the millions I wanted to help if I | ter up when I get back from the East. We will try and have one more fac | by the Navy Department to prepare We will have to employ about 150 "If we give you free sugar won't men at each factory. Large factories that break up the Trust?' Mr. are better than small ones for about Breckinridge asked me when before the same labor is required to turn out fifty tons as 800. The factories

will be kept running about five response, but I explained to them | months of the year. "Last season's experiments with seed showed that much less seed is eries-young industries-as well. If required here than in Germany. seed to the acre. We find that three sugar in this country, we ought to do | and one-half pounds here is plenty. it. I told them that I, in California, The reason for this difference is that

sugar against the Hongkong product | Spreckels, and will be used largely, of his fortune in the whaling busi-

"I do not believe in low wages. I said that the company had just paid | is nearly 6 feet 6 inches tall.

alone. I believe that California only does the beet grow to perfectories, at a cost of \$500,000 each, on the same general plan of the one already in Watsonville, will be built in different parts of California. They will turn out only raw sugar. The product will be sold to refiners. The Philadelphia refinery will not handle this beet sugar. It will be wholly devoted to refining the raw imported article. With both of these companies in operation I think I can work against any trust."-San Jose Mercury, April 26.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Spoils of the Pen and Scissors from Many Sources.

The Cuban sugar crop probably aggregates from 400,000 to 425,000

Hon. William H. Barnum, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, died at Lime Rock on April 30th. Electricity is now applied to tan-

ning, and it is said to produce

leather from the raw hide in the short period of four days. The City of Oakland is having an interesting discussion of the policy of high license before its City Council. It seems likely that a moderately high license will prevail.

An extensive tea and coffee plantation is being set out by J. T. Murray at Pasadena, Lower California. The promoter of the enterprise proposes to prove to the world that these paid half a million for, but I could that started to work I was in Phila- plants can be cultivated with profit Since the suspension of work on

and other ports, and on the other with the men and showing them Consular investigation shows that side are railroad tracks on which I how to do it. I broke them all in, there are still over 3,000 persons on can ship all over the country. I'll and the result is now we have a num-have my refinery running next June, ber of men we can call on to direct destitute and starving condition. The other day a vessel freighted with over 18,000 cases of canned fruits sailed from San Francisco

bound for Liverpool via Cape Horn.

This may be the fruit producers' escape from the high railway rates established for the present season. The report from the East respecting the wheat yield of the coming season are that an enormous crop is maturing in every cereal section, estimated at over 500,000,000 bushels. This means low prices for wheat unless the Russian or East Indian crop should fail.

Samoan King, in aiding the American, German and English sailors shipwrecked in the recent disaster, should gain him from the three powers a guarantee of his right to rule over his people hereafter undisturbed. Portland, Me., has more Odd Fellows in proportion to its population than any other town in the world.

One out of every four of the citizens

over twenty-one belong to the order,

and the seven lodges of the city have

a fund of \$149,615 74. The richest

The noble bravery of Mataafa, the

lodge is the Unity, which has \$34,430 in the treasury. The energy of the administration exerted for the recreation of the American Navy continues unabated matter. The committee appointed

ment for the Naval Academy. The new building now being constructed for the San Francisco Chronicle is to be not only fire-proof but earthquake-proof also. The structure will rest on twenty-seven cast-steel columns, and these will be bolted together and connected by flat steel bands, double-bolted to each floor-beam which they cross. The whole will form a sort of cage, and it is claimed that this would stand intact even if every bit of the masonry should be shaken from its

Mrs. Hetty Green, one of the paying men \$2 a day, could not well in Germany much of the seed sown. shrewdest operators in Wall street. compete with free sugar from the owing to cold or drought or other is perhaps the richest woman in Hongkong refineries made by Chincauses, does not take root. Here it a day. I told them all grows readily, and this makes a to be anywhere from \$40,000,000 to that I could not pay laborers \$1.90 a day more than the Chinese laborers were paid and then afford to sell my machine has been contrived by C. A. Robinson, who laid the foundation coming here with cheap freight and duty free. I think it will now be proper depth for the seed. many years before sugar is made | Spreckels spoke of his beet-sugar | before he married her, but his wealth free and then we will have a bounty. enterprise on the Pacific Coast, and is modest compared with hers. He